

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 706
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Willie Mattox on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially recognize those dedicated staff members in our public schools whose commitment to excellence in the performance of their duties serves as an instructive example to the students of the schools they serve; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding role model is Mr. Willie Mattox of the Memphis City Schools system who, for the past 31 years, has served as Building Engineer for Sharpe Elementary School; Mr. Wilson worked 19 years under the leadership of Mr. Don Miller, eight years under Mrs. Arnetta Wilson, and three years under Mr. Gary Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mattox was born in Robinson, Mississippi, overcoming his humble beginnings and joining in marriage with Mrs. Becky Mattox; the Mattoxes are the proud parents of four children and the doting grandparents of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mattox is a faithful member of Mt. Joyner Missionary Baptist Church, pastured by Dr. Terence L. Taylor; Mr. Mattox serves as Secretary and Spiritual Leader for the Male Chorus and is a member of the Deacon Board; and

WHEREAS, Willie Mattox demonstrates leadership within his community by assisting with his church's outreach ministries and through the Adopt-A-School Program with Geeter Middle School; he enjoys traveling and has visited New York, California, Missouri, Colorado, and many other places; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mattox considers his career at Sharpe Elementary School as having been a great learning experience for himself, as he discovered how to be a servant and a role model for all the children who passed through Sharpe's doors; he is grateful for the opportunity

to have served and considers his life to have been enriched, rewarded, and blessed through the relationships he has had over the years with his supervisors, peers on the staff, and the children; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Willie Mattox prepares to enter his much deserved retirement, we wish to seize this opportunity to honor and recognize one of Tennessee's most dedicated and conscientious school employees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Willie Mattox our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.